

Application No.: 10/695,243
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17 to 55 were pending. Claims 17-53 are cancelled. Therefore only Claims 53 and 54 remain pending.

In the Office Action mailed May 3, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Claims 54 and 55 were allowable. In an effort to facilitate prosecution and enable a patent to grant that is drawn to those claims currently found by the Examiner to be allowable, the applicants have cancelled Claims 17-53 without prejudice. The applicants expressly reserve the right to resubmit one or more of the cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be forwarded to the Applicants. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below, if such would expedite the allowance of this application.

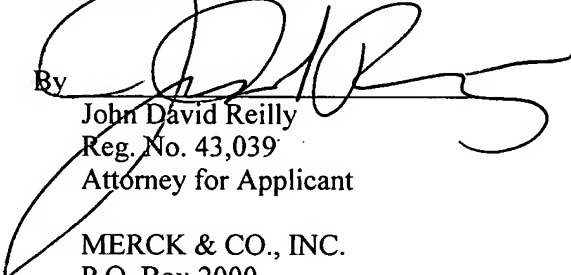
Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION

Applicant hereby makes a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect in connection with this filing, or any defect remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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